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STATUE UNVEILING IN CHICAGO

1. FOLLOWING HIS CORDIAL RECEPTION OF CONGRESSMAN  
CEDERBERG AUGUST 22, VICE FOREIGN MINISTER SPASOWSKI  
ASKED ME TO REMAIN WITH HIM FOR A FEW MINUTES, DURING  
WHICH HE MADE THE FOLLOWING PRESENTATION.

2. AS I KNEW, HE SAID, THE UNVEILING OF THE COPY OF  
THE THORVALDSEN STATUE OF COPERNICUS WAS SCHEDULED  
TO TAKE PLACE IN CHICAGO ON SETP 21. I PROBABLY ALSO  
KNEW THAT THE LEADERSHIP OF THE POLISH-AMERICAN CONGRESS  
WAS UNWILLING TO HAVE AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYSKI PRESENT AT  
THE UNVEILING. HE WAS FULLY AWARE THAT THE COPY OF THE  
STATUE HAD BEEN PURCHASED BY ORGANIZATIONS OF AMERICAN  
POLONIA AND THAT THE CEREMONY WAS BEING ARRANGED BY THOSE  
ORGANIZATIONS. (AS THE DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL, THE POLISH  
GOVERNMENT INITIALLY OFFERED TO DONATE THE STATUE, BUT  
CHICAGO POLONIA VETOED THE OFFER.) AT THE SAME TIME,  
THE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES OF THE POLISH GOVERNMENT HAD  
COOPERATED FULLY AND, HE BELIEVED, TO THE ENTIRE  
SATISFACTION OF THE CONCERNED POLONIA ORGANIZATIONS IN  
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MAKING THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PORDUCING AND SHIPPING THE

COPY.

3. SPASOWSKI REFERRED, TOO, TO THE EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT( LETTER OF JUNE 20) AND THE FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK(LETTER OF MAY 31), REFERRING TO THE CELEBRATION IN THE UNITED STATES OF THE COPERNICUS QUIN-CENTENARY. HE SAID HE KNEW MAYOR DALEY AND MANY OTHER CITY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WOULD BE PRESENT AT THE UNVEILING CEREMONY. HE SAID THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS EXTREMELY RELUCTANT TO HAVE TO TELL THE LEADERSHIP THAT AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI HAD NOT ATTENDED WHAT PROMISED TO BE THE MOST VISIBLE AND POPULAR OF THE MANIFESTATIONS OF THIS COMMEMORATIVE YEAR IN THE US.

4. ACCORDINGLY, SPASOWSKI SAID, HE WAS ASKING FOR THE COOPERATION OF THE DEPARTMENT IN HELPING TO RESOLVE THIS DIFFICULT SITUATION. HE SAID THAT IT WAS NOT NECESSARY THAT AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI ATTEND THE BANQUET PLANNED FOR THE OCCASION, OR OTHER EVENTS CONNECTED WITH THE DEDICATION OF THE STATUE.

BUT HE WISHED TO BESPEAK THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE TOWARDS THE END THAT THE AMBASSADOR AND THE POLISH CONSUL GENERAL IN CHICAGO MIGHT BE PRESENT AT THE UNVEILING. (ALTHOUGH WE DID NOT DISCUSS THE QUESTION, I AM SURE SPASOWSKI UNDERSTANDS THAT THERE WOULD BE NO POSSIBILITY OF TRAMPCZYNSKI'S MAKING ANY REMARKS AT THE UNVEILING).

5. I SAID THAT THE MINISTER HAD SHOWN HE WAS AWARE OF THE ELEMENTS OF THE SITUATION, I.E., THE FACT THAT AMERICAN POLONIA HAD PURCHASED THE STATUE, THAT THE UNVEILING CEREMONY WAS BEING PRIVATELY ORGANIZED, AND THAT THE POLONIA LEADERSHIP WAS EXTREMELY RELUCTANT TO HAVE HIGH-LEVEL POLISH GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION AT THE CEREMONY. ALL OF THIS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO PROMISE ANYTHING. I SAID I WOULD NEVERTHELESS TRANSMIT HIS REPRESENTATION TO THE DEPARTMENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDER WHAT IT COULD DO TO HELP.

6. COMMENT: I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THE PAC OR OTHER  
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INVOLVED POLONIA ORGANIZATIONS HAVE INVITED FEDERAL-GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATION AT THE UNVEILING CEREMONY. IF THERE HAS BEEN SUCH AN INVITATION, ONE APPROACH TO PROVIDING FOR TRAMPCZYNSKI'S PRESENCE WOULD BE THE DESIGNATION OF A SUFFICIENTLY HIGH-RANKING US FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL TO ATTEND THE CEREMONY, SIMULTANEOUSLY INFORMING THE POLONIA LEADERSHIP THAT THE US GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THE POLISH AMBASSADOR AND CONSUL GENERAL SHOULD ALSO BE AT THE

UNVEILING.  
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